

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:212
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2001
MASTER PLAN FOR BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Brahmaputra Board has prepared a Master Plan for the Brahmaputra river and its tributaries; and
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof indicating the phases of its implementation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (b) of Starred Question No.212 to be answered on 12.03.2001 in Lok Sabha regarding Master Plan for Brahmaputra River

a) Yes, Sir.

b) and c) The Brahmaputra Board has prepared a masterplan of the river sub-basins of North Eastern States in three parts namely, Master Plan Part-I for the main stem of Brahmaputra, Master Plan Part-II for Barak river along with its tributaries and Master Plan Part-III for forty one tributaries of Brahmaputra including Majuli Island and eight rivers of Tripura. Master Plan Part-I and Part-II have been approved by the Ministry of Water Resources. These Master Plans envisage management of flood, prevention of erosion, drainage improvement, construction of multipurpose dams, development of irrigation, navigation, pisciculture etc. for integrated development of the water resources of entire Brahmaputra Basin. 24 nos. of sub-basin plans under Part-III of the Master Plan has been approved by the Brahmaputra Board and another 25 nos. under different stages of completion. The short term flood control measures as suggested in the Master Plan are being implemented by the concerned State Government.

Regarding long term projects as mentioned in the Master Plan, Harrang Drainage Development Scheme has been sanctioned for Rs.10.81 crore and is under execution by Brahmaputra Board. The scheme is likely to be completed during the 9th Plan period.

The Subansiri, Siang (Dihang) and Tipaimukh Projects with major hydro-power component have been handed over to Ministry of Power for implementation.

The Pagladiya Dam Project with an estimated cost of Rs.542.90 crore has been taken up by Brahmaputra Board for execution. The project will take seven years for completion.

The detailed project report of Bairabi Dam Project prepared by Brahmaputra Board has been handed over to State Government of Mizoram for implementation.